



Boozhoo, Emily Proctor nindizhinikaaz. Miigizi nindoodem. I am grateful for the opportunity to present myself and ideas before the citizens of LTBB. This is an exciting time for LTBB with great opportunities present, but with these opportunities come challenges. I believe LTBB is facing many challenges that will greatly impact our Citizens homelands and the government. But challenges are nothing new to our people, and we have been successful by carefully planning our next steps for a sustainable future. I will support sustainability in our Tribal Nation by being fiscally responsible when drafting legislation and planning budgets. I will support our sovereignty and treaty rights during the 2020 Consent Decree negotiations and Reservation boundary law suit. Our ancestors fought for our homelands and we will continue to do so. I will continue to conduct myself in an objective, ethical, fair, and inclusive manner when working across our tribal government branches, gaming and non-gaming enterprises, and our neighboring communities beyond LTBB.

Over the past three years I have successfully worked with the executive and judicial branches to draft and pass statues that pertain to family preservation and child welfare. My passions include being a youth and elder advocate. It is vital to be inclusive of our citizens outside of the tribal service area in order to have the fullest understanding of how to plan and address the needs of our citizens and their families. I firmly believe in the LTBB Constitution and the checks and balances of the three powers (legislative, judicial, and executive) while understanding that the citizens are the bedrock of our nation. I see the value in reaching out to our elders; we need to find ways to be more inclusive of their wisdom. My family originates from Cross Village and I am proud to say my lineage is Odeimin, Shegwajaw, and Ransom. I earned my degrees both bachelors and masters, from Michigan State University; School of Social Work. I have worked as a Child Protective Services Worker for LTBB, associate Child Welfare Commissioner for LTBB and was elected three times to be the Speaker of the Annual Community Meeting for our Tribal Nation. I work with many of our neighboring Tribal Nations as part of my career with Michigan State University Extension. I respectfully request your vote. Miigwech.